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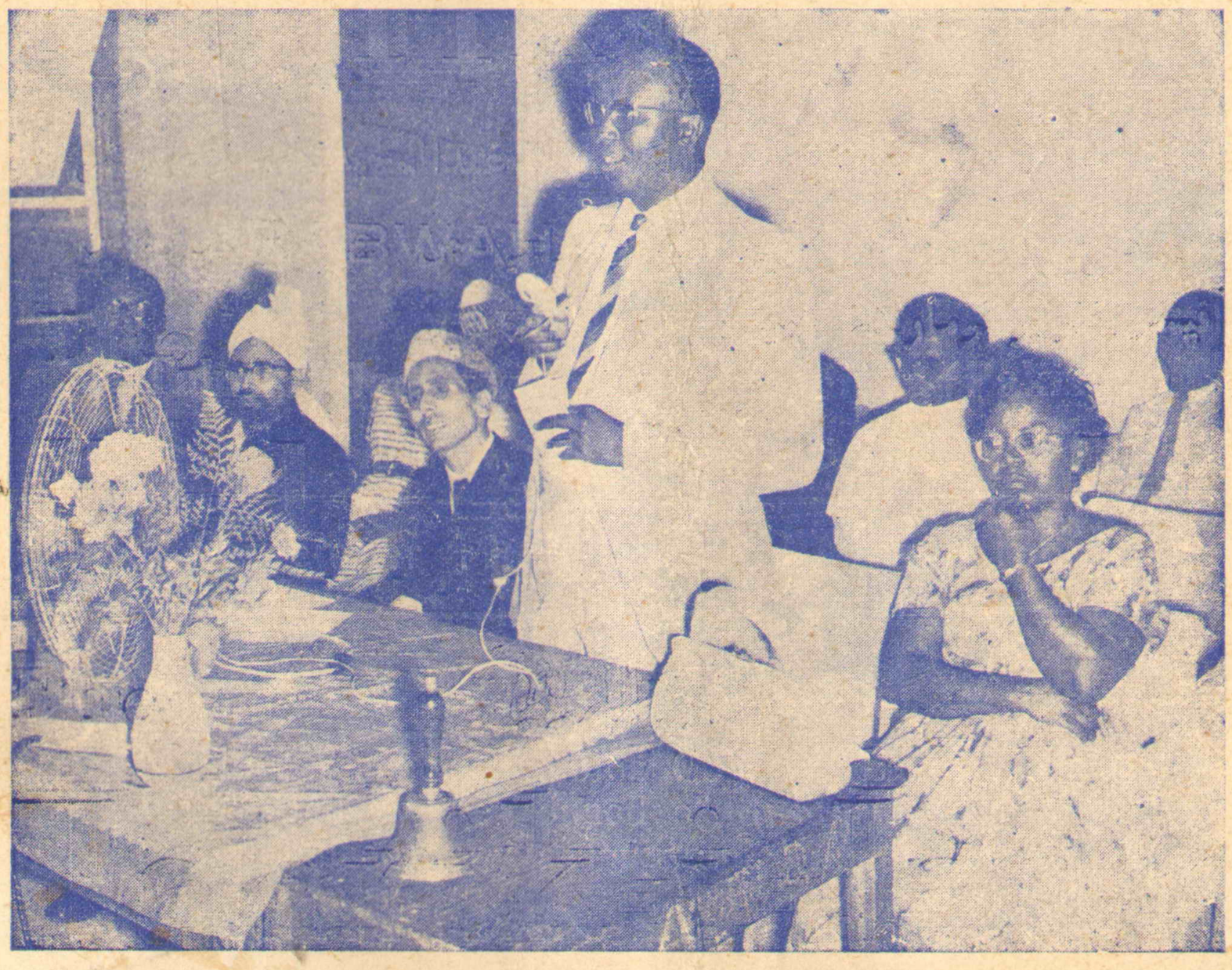

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مکرم چوھدری مشتاق احمد صاحب باجوہ امام احمدیہ مسجد زیورک سوئٹزرلینڈ سیرۃ النبی کے جلسہ میں تقریر فرما رہے ھیں - آپکے دائیں ھاتھ مسٹر کمال فلمر جو ایک ممتاز احمدی صحافی ھیں اس جلسہ کی صدارت فرما رہے ھیں -

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Ch. Mushtaq Ahmad Bajwa, Imam of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Zurich, Switzerland, is addressing Seeratun Nabi meeting on the 2nd of July this year. On his right is the chairman of the Meeting, Mr. Kamal Volmar, who is a Swiss journalist and next to him is Dr. Mohammad Izzudin Hassan, Mr Abdur Rashid Vogel and Mr. Kaharman Tonabylou, a Turk, who is doing his Ph. D. at the Zurich University.

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Notes and Comments

Ahmadis In Britain Confer

The third Annual Conference of the Ahmadis in Britain was held on the 6th and 7th of August 1966. More than two hundred members attended from various parts of the country. Prominent among the speakers was Ch. Mohammad Zafrulla Khan who addressed the audience on the need for religion in the atomic age. Other speakers included Mr. B. A. Rafique, the Imam of the London mosque. Mr. F. I. Anwari, Mr. M. A. Mukhtar, Mr. B. A. Orchard and Mr. Abdus Salam

On the 7th of August the children of the Community had a separate programme which was of great interest to them. The elders also enjoyed it very much.

Seeratun Nabi Meeting in Mauritius

A hundred thousand copies of a tract on the life of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, was distributed on the Birthday of the Holy Prophet—and that formed one of the very ineresting and useful items of the programme to educate the people about the greatest of all the prophets, may peace be on him.

A speech competition was also held and the prizes were distributed by Professor Azim-Ul-Haq, Head of the Urdu Department of the Teachers' Training College, Mauritius. Those who took part had made very good preparation and that gave them an opportunity to study the life of the Holy Prophet more intensely than ever before.

The Prophet Day Meeting was presided over by Hon Govinden, member of the Legislative Council who in his presential address very greatly appreciated the services of the Holy Prophet to the world.

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The meeting which was very well attended had been publicised through the Press and the Radio, and an invitation had been extended to every one irrespective of his religion.

An interesting feature of the celebration was a match of volley ball—the Captain of the winning side was Maulvi M. I. Munir, Missionary Incharge of the Ahmadiyya Mission.

Part-Time Preaching

Very encouraging reports are being received from those who have dedicated to give two to six weeks for preaching. Most of them say that it does not only help reform others, it brings about a wonderful change in those, also, who go out for preaching, for, they experience a spiritual upliftment in themselves.

Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih III has said that the records of part time preachers (dedicators) in foreign countries should be kept by the Missions of their respective countries and a collective report should be sent to him by the Missionary Incharge.

An Interview

Tenth of September, 1966, has been fixed for the interview of the students who have dedicated their lives. On that day arrangements will be made for their admission to the Jamia Ahmadiyya (the College where the Missionaries are trained). The students who have dedicated their lives should please inform the Vakalat-i-Diwan Tahrik-i-Jadid, Rabwah, of their addresses and full particulars so that they can be contacted for necessary formalities.

Books for Khilafat Library

One of the most important institutions in Rabwah is the Khilafat Library which has some thousands of books for every kind of reader— of course a great majority of them is on religion. But no library can ever be said to be complete. New additions have to be made every day. Friends are requested to donate books to this library. The old books that they can spare will be as welcome as the new ones that they may buy for it. Newspapers and Magazines of religious interest may also be sent. All these things should be addressed to the :—

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A Seminar

The Muslim students Society of the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) recently held an International Seminar which was attended by a number of Ambassadors of various Muslim countries including the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

Alhaj Maulvi N. D. Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge Ahmadiyya Mission, Nigeria was one of the speakers at the Seminar. His subject was the "Duties of a student". The Maulvi advised the students not to allow others to make them the tools for their personal political gains. He dealt on the duties of a student at length and told them that the students could prove themselve useful to the country only if they paid full attention to their studies, for, that was the only way they could prepare themselves for the right and full fledged service of their motherland.

Maulvi Ahmad's speech received due importance in the columns of various Dailies.

West African Conference

The second Annual Conference of the Missionaries Incharge of the Ahmadiyya Missions in West Africa was held at Lagos on the 16,17, 18July 1966 under the Chairmanship of Maulvi A. U.Kaleem, the Zonal Missionary Incharge who is also Amir and Missionary Incharge of the Ahmadiyya Mission, Ghana. The Conference was attended by Maulvi M. A. Saqi (Liberia), Maulvi B.A. Bashir (Sierra Leone), Maulana Ghulam Ahmad (Gambia), Maulvi M. A. Qureshi (Ivory Coast) and Maulvi N. D. Ahmad (Nigeria) who acted as the host to the delegates of the Conference. The programme chalked out at the conference of the last year was reviewed and the progress reported by every delegate in respect of his own Mission. Decisions were taken for the next year—which included the publication, of the much needed literature on Islam and also school books. Maulvi B. A. Bashir and Maulvi M. A. Saqi were asked to work on the scheme for the literature. Maulvi N. D. Ahmad was asked to prepare an estimate for the publication of an annual report of the Mission which should be in the form of a Souvenir.

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For the furtherance of tabligh activities it was decided that the Missionary Training College, Ghana should be strengthened with more staff and a revised syllabus. Stress was also laid on the training of local Missionary Staff. It was also decided that Atfal-ul Ahmadiyya should be established in all the Ahmadiyya schools and children should be better prepared for the service of Islam when they grow up.

The Mission in West Africa expressed great appreciation for the services that the Press, Radio and Television rendered to the cause of the Conference by way of publicity. Maulvi Kaleem talking to a reporter said that he was glad to note that the publicity agencies had always given their fullest support to every good cause and the Ahmadiyya Mission was grateful for their co-operation. It was decided that next year the conference should be held in Liberia.

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(فتح اسلام)

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The fourth section of this dispensation is concerned with the letters written by the seekers after truth or the opponents. It can be said that during the above mentioned period more than 90,000 letters have been received and replied, excepting some of them which were meaningless and unnecessary. And the letters continue coming in at the rate of, perhaps, 300 to 700 or a thousond letters every month.

The 5th section of this dispensation which has been established under special revelation from God is that of the followership of those who take the pledge of ba'it. He (God) while establishing this movement said to me that a great storm of error has enraged in the land and in this time of the storm, you should prepare this Ark; whoever will come on board this Ark, will be saved from being drowned and whoever will persist in rejection will confront death. He also said that whoever will give his hand in your hand, he will not really give his hand in your hand, but in the hand of God. This very Almighty Lord gave me the news that He will cause me to die and exalt me to Himself but my true followers and those who have great affection for me, will always be found in the world and they will always dominate those who reject me.

These are the five sections of the dispensation that God has established through me. Though a man without insight would think that the only necessary section is that of publications and others are unnecessary and useless yet in the sight of God all the sections are essential and the reform which He is determined to carry out can not be made possible without bringing these five sections into action. Although the whole of this dispensation has been left to special help and grace of God and it is only His promises full of good news that give satisfaction and it is He alone who will accomplish this work, but it is under the command of God Himself that the attention of Muslims is being drawn towards it, as has been the case with all the Prophets of God. It is in this connection that I should like to say how important is the help from the generality of the Muslims in order to carry on and expand these five sections. For example look at the question of one publication. If we wish to give it full circulation how vast are the financial means that would be needed, for if really it is the circulation of these books that we aim at, then our religious books which are full of Jems of research and which draw the seekers after thruth towards the truth should reach the people at the earliest time and in large mumbers—the people who are very badly affected by fatal diseases and are very near their death and we should always keep this in mind that our books must be quickly circulated and given in the hand of those who are looking for thruth, in such countries where error has become like a fatal poison. *(To be Continued)*

RABWAH DIARY

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Khutbas

On the 29th of July, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III, commented upon some verses of the Holy Quran, in his Friday Sermon. The verses: "Who are humble in their Prayers, And who shun all that which is vain" (Al-Muminun, 3 and 4). He dilated on eight inherent excellences of the Holy Quran which make it a unique book in the world—this book guides and leads to happiness and bliss in this world as well as in the next world.

In his Friday Sermen on the 5th of August, 1966, Hazrat Amir-ul-Momineen Khalifatul-Masih III mentioned one of his visions (Kashf) in which he was shown a light enveloping the whole universe. He further said that he was shown this vision on waking up from sleep in the morning and that at that time he found himself uttering the words "*Bushra Lakum*" i.e. good tidings for you. Hazrat Sahib said that he was made to understand that this light represented the teaching of the Holy Quran and he linked it with his schemes of getting every body to read the Holy Quran and also the scheme for part time preachers, (Dedicators). Hazrat further said that he would like the *Musis* (Those who had made a will in accordance with the instructions of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him) to organise themselves to handle the working of these schemes.

The Holy Quran

Hazrat Sayyida Umme Matin, the President of the Lajna Ima Ullah has issued an appeal to all the Lajnas that they should make necessary arrangements for teaching of the Holy Quran. In her appeal she says that the very object of the Advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, was to spread the teaching of the Holy Quran and that is what his Successors have been doing ever since his demise. In fact this is the main factor which gives life to the Community. She concluded by saying that unless all the women of the Jamaat could read the Holy Quran and know its meanings, no other sacrifice could mean anything. The "Tahrik-i-Jadid" would like to requst our Foreign Missions that they should please send the reports of their activities to the President of the Lajna regularly.

An August Visitor

Mr. ISHTIAQ AZHAR, the Asstt Director of Information, SARGODHA Division paid a visit to RABWAH. He was the guest of the Newspaper Editors Association who conducted him round and also had a meeting with him at the Guest House (Tahrik-i-Jadid). He was very pleased to see the publications of the Jamaat in various languages of the world, some of which were presented to him with the compliments of the Foreign Missions Office.

Mr. AZHAR expressed great pleasure in meeting the Journalists of RABWAH which he said was a very important news centre, for, in this seemingly tiny place, there are no less than 12 regular publications.

Another thing that interested him very much was the Khilafat Library; he is very fond of collecting rare books.

At the close of the meeting he was thanked by Mr. NASEEM SAIFI the President of the Association on behalf of his colleagues.

Independence Day

Fourteenth of August was the Independence Day in Pakistan and it was observed at RABWAH with prayers (supplications) after the morning prayer (FAJR) and light and decorations on the buildings of the offices in the evening. The Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya arranged matches of Kabaddi, Volley Ball. and Basket Ball. The Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya also took part in game

It was a holiday for the offices and everybody enjoyed the lively activities of various organizations.

How A Mission is Opened and Run

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As the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him, has said, with the advent of a heavenly appointed Reformer the angels begin to move the hearts of the peoples living in various places towards the acceptance of that Reformer. The message reaches them in different ways. Some of them are shown visions, some others come across a follower of his and yet some others find him mentioned in some news papers, magazines and books. Thus the people start joining his followers and become members of his world wide Community.

The Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Movement—the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah—is at RABWAH, West Pakistan. This is the place where the opening of the Missions all over the world is planned. The Department concerned with opening the Missions outside Pakistan is known as VAKALAT-I-TABSHIR (TAHRIK-I-JADID) and it works under dircet guidance and instructions of Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih. Wherever Vakalat-i-Tabshir decides to open a Mission, a Missionary is sent there with definite instructions as to how he is to work there. In most of the cases Missionaries are sent to such places where the seed of Ahmadiyyat has already been sown even though there may be only one member of the Jamaat. But of course that does not mean that Missionaries are never sent to a country where there is no Ahmadi at all.

When a Missionary reaches his destination and starts his work of the propagation of Islam, people, with the grace of God, begin to be attracted towards him and start joining the fold. Some times one by one, or in twos or threes or may be in hundreds or thousands.

By and by, need for a proper organisation of the Jamaat arises and the Missionary begins to pay due attention to this need also. He holds an election of the officials according to the need of the Jamaat. Mostly a President or a Chairman, a Secretary, a Secretary Tabligh (preaching) and a Financial Seeretary. As the Community expands, the needs also grow in number and size; so also comes to the front the need for a strong organisation. And with the grace of God this process continues.

In order to understand fully the running of the whole Community, it must be realized that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is a divine Community which believes that the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, was a follower Prophet and on his demise the institution of Khilafat was established just in the same way as Khilafat was established on the passing away of the Holy Prophet MOHAMMAD, peace and blessings of God be upon him. The present Khalifa, Hazrat MIRZA NASIR AMMAD, is the third Khalifa of the Promised Messiah. It is the Khalifa to whom the whole Jamaat owes allegiance and whose orders in respeet of religious and spiritual matters, every Ahmadi has to obey. He is the Head of the Jamaat all over the world and every one who holds an office in the set up of the Community does so at his pleasure. To hold election is just to facilitate the appointment of those whom the local Jamaat thinks that they would be able to push the cause of the Community forward. But election cannot be the final word in such matters, for this is only a secular method of appointing officials in a secular circle. In a divine Community like the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, the Khalifa's approval

is essential for ultimately he is responsible for the working of the Community and answerable to God in this respect. If the Khalifa thinks that a certain person who has been elected to an office in the Jamaat is not the right person to do the job, he has every right to nullify the election and order it to be held again, or appoint anyone else, whom he thinks fit for the office.

The Missionary Incharge is a direct representative of the Khalifa and is answerable to him directly or through the officer appointed by the Khalifa to run the Foreign Missions. At present that officer is called VAKIL-UT-TABSHIR.

As the Mission expands, the need for a written constitution arises and the Headquarters demands that steps should be taken to register a suitable constitution with the approval of the Khalifa-tul-Masih. This approval is conveyed to the Mission by the Vakilut Tabshir.

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The Khalifatul Masih is always anxious to hear from every member of the Jamaat wherever he may be. Rather he encourages every body to write to him. But all the matters connceted with the running of the Community must be presented to the Vakil-ut Tabshir through the Missionery Incharge. Of course suggestions for the expansion of the work or other matters connected with the welfare of the Jamaat may be brought to the notice of the Khalifat-ul-Masih directly though it is preferable that copies of such letters be sent to the Vakil-ut Tabshir who is personally responsible to execute whatever the new schemes are chalked out.

Every Ahmadi is expected to cooperate with the Missionary Incharge and in fact no body can continue to be a member of the Jamaat if he is not fully prepared to give unflinching cooperation to the representatives of the Khalifatul Masih, for that would practically mean non cooperation with the Khalifatul Masih himself.

May God help every member to do all he can to further the cause of Islam through the organised efforts put forward by the Ahmadiyya Jamaat—the only divine Community in this age which has been raised to make this noble religion dominant over all others. Amen.

In order to give impetus to the work of the Community, Hazrat Musleh Mauood, may God be pleased with him, grouped the Jamaat into following groups :

1. Majlis Ansar Ullah (comprising members of the Cummunity of the age of 40 yrs. and upwards)
2. Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya (from 15 yrs. to 40 yrs.)
3. Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya (from 7. yrs. to 15 yrs.)
4. Lajna Ima Ullah (women section)
5. Nasirat-ul Ahmadiyya (young girls)

These organisations have a sphere of their own in which they are required to work. But the overall organisation of the Jamaat is the supreme organisation for the strength and integrity of which all the suborganisations have to work in their own way.

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